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Blast Echo: Sugar Factory Boiler water pollutes Shimsha River

- **Over 80-lakh litres of potassium-laced poisonous water enters fields**
- **Villagers complain of breathlessness, allergy and severe cough**

Poisonous water from the exploded boiler entering a water storage unit.

A tanker sucks polluted water from the fields.

A child being examined at Chikkonahalli village.

Mandya, Nov. 27 (Nagaiah &BCT)- Shimsha River, the lifeline of Maddur, Malavalli and surrounding area in Mandya district, is polluted as over 80-lakh litres of potassium-laced poisonous water has spilled into fertile fields from the NSL Sugar Factory where a boiler exploded on Nov. 20. The polluted water has collected in thousands of acres of paddy, ragi and sugarcane fields in over 17 villages, affecting over 30,000 people.

Shockingly, villagers from Chikkonahalli, Annedoddi, Keelaghatta, UC Doddi and Gollara Doddi and surrounding areas have complained of breathlessness, itching, cough and allergy. A temporary hospital has been opened at Chikkonahalli and that is of little help, say villagers.

Prakash of Chikkonahalli whose fields have been destroyed by the poisonous water told *Star of Mysore* that there is a danger of contagious disease spreading as most of the villagers and children are suffering from severe cough and allergy.

The potassium-laced distillery spent wash gushed out of the NSL Sugar Factory at Koppa village in Maddur taluk as the boiler exploded on Nov. 20. More than 80-lakh litres of chemical water entered the fields, emanating foul smell and fumes. Fields where ragi, sugarcane and paddy crops stood have already shown signs of decay and it may take years for the ground to regain its original fertility, farmers said.

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To Our Readers

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Minors driving cars: Police warn parents of action

Over 17 cases booked against parents who gave vehicles to under-age children

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (RK&BCT)- Parents, take this seriously. If you have a child who is under 18 and has a passion for riding or driving, better keep a watch. Parents of minors riding or driving two-wheelers or four-wheelers are being fined by City Police.

With an eye on the safety of pedestrians and other motorists, the Traffic Police have begun a drive against under-age motoring and are penalising parents for giving their vehicles to children. Over 17 parents and relatives have been booked by the Police in the month of October and they have been warned of strict action if the offence is repeated.

Eleven parents have been booked in Narasimharaja Traffic Subdivision, two cases in Devaraja, three in Krishnaraja and one parent has been booked in V.V. Mohalla Traffic Subdivision. Separately, in Devaraja Traffic Subdivision, two more cases have been booked under the section "Driving by underage."

It may be recalled here that the High Court of Karnataka had asked the Police to book parents of minors riding or driving. Under Section 184 of the Motor Vehicles Act, parents of minors can be sent to jail or fined up to Rs. 1,000, or both.

The ability of their children to drive is seen as an achievement by some parents and this has led to many deaths of innocent people.

The Police feel that without stringency it would be difficult to discipline minors or create awareness about road safety and traffic laws.

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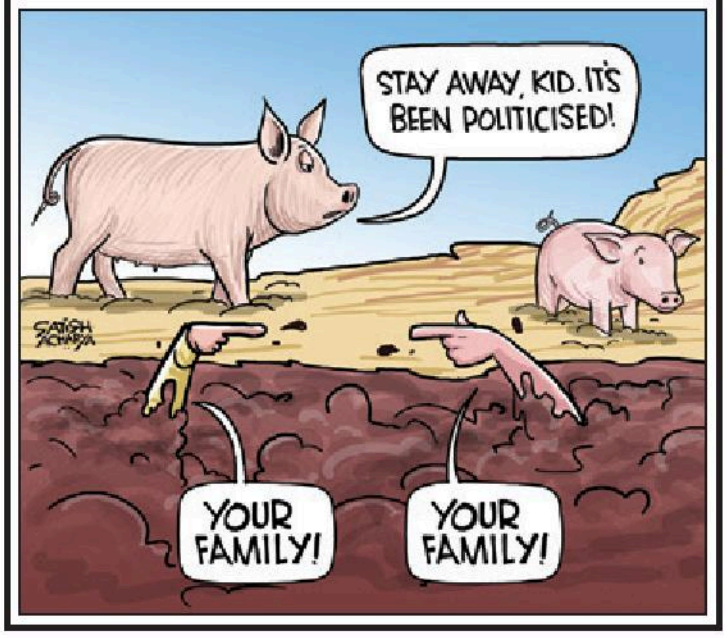
STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Tuesday 27th November 2018

Torrent of *tongues*

Mysuru hosts the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), set up in 1969 to help in evolving and implementing the language policy of Government of India, essentially based on research covering language analysis, *language pedagogy and language use in society*. Its Regional Language Centres conduct teacher-training programmes for secondary school teachers deputed by States and Union Territories in languages other than their *mother tongue*. Despite the laudable work of the institute in the vast area of languages, particularly the multitude of tongues in which the land's people communicate among themselves across its length and breadth, currently estimated at 135 crore, the number of languages that have their exclusive script in current use is a mere fraction of the total number of the country's languages, including those without script. Nearer home, Kodava, Tulu and Konkani serve as examples that are yet to have their exclusive script. The three-language formula based on Hindi, English and another regional language such as Kannada, Tamil and Telugu, adopted in official circles and also for display of information about public utilities such as roads is a classic example of addressing language-related matters.

Learning to first understand and then to communicate in more languages than that learnt in childhood can be a fascinating experience that brings a sense of boundless delight as fluency marks the dialogue. Speaking in the language of persons from another region, to borrow a line from Shakespeare, delights him that speaks and him that hears.

Shedding the *frog-in-the-well* attitude in the matter of knowledge relating to languages of India, numbering more than 1,500, happens when one journeys even short distances across different territories. A long journey by the nation's Railways is the best way of dispelling ignorance of the richness of India's tongues in their variety and more importantly the feature of words in one language almost the same in another language. Although the 36 States and Union Territories were decided upon in the 1950s on the basis of languages spoken in respective territories, in addition to *inter-regional* diversity of languages across the country, its every region hosts people speaking the same language in many different ways, both vocabulary-wise and intonation-wise.

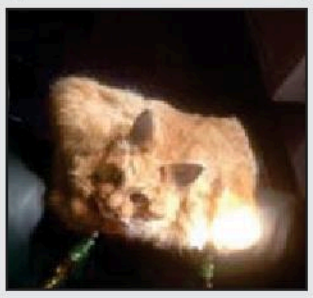
Days ahead will witness more exiting action on language front. Under the *Bhaasha Sangam* project initiated by the Ministry of Human Resources Development with the slogan *Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat*, students across the country will get introduced to 22 languages in a span of one month. Success of the project by enthusiastic response from the students can result in tsunami-like torrent of tongues.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was attacked with chilli powder inside the Delhi Secretariat on Monday last in a major security lapse. That is not the first time Kejriwal came under attack. A young woman threw ink at him when he was addressing a "Thanksgiving" gathering at Chhatrasal Stadium on a quiet January evening in the capital in 2016, after the completion of a phase of odd-even car regulation scheme. Later that year, a political activist would hurl a shoe at him when he had just begun giving out details of phase 2 of the odd-even scheme, due within days. The shoe landed near Kejriwal, missing him by a whisker. In 2014, Kejriwal was slapped by an autorickshaw driver while campaigning in Sultanpuri, north-west Delhi. Later that day, he was seen sitting at Mahatma Gandhi's Memorial, Rajghat, with a swollen left eye. Before that event, he had ink, engine oil and even an egg hurled at him. — *In Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dead cat turned into handbag sparks controversy

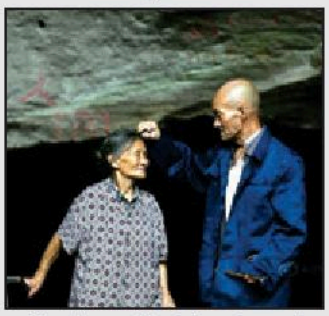


Christchurch: A taxidermist, who turned a dead cat into a handbag has landed in controversy after its listing on an online auction site wen viral.

Created by Clare Hobbs, a professional taxidermist from Christchurch, New Zealand, the bizarre accessory is currently for sale at a starting price of $1,400.

Although the product description mentions that no animals were hurt or killed for the creation of the unique piece, and Hobbs herself added that it was made from a feral cat that had been "hit by a car on backwash country road," it still managed to attract some negative comments.

Couple live in cave for past 54 years



Nanchong: Unable to bear the cost of living in a house, a Chinese is living in a cave near Nanchong city for the past 54 years.

81-year-old Liang Zifu and 77-year-old Li Suying found the cave three years after their wedding, and since they couldn't afford to buy a real house they decided to make it their home and start a family there. In the beginning, they shared the unusual abode with three other families, who have since moved out, but the two elderly cave-dwellers won't even consider leaving.

Local authorities offered to provide them with a more comfortable house, but they refused.

The old couple have spent their whole lives turning the cave into a cozy dwelling. Liang even turned the roof into a small garden where they grow the produce they need to survive. A well dug near the entrance of their home for clean water, and they even have access to electricity. The two claim they have everything they need, and they just could not leave and move away.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's wrong with drinking from plastic bottles?

Plastic bottles contain Phthalates, chemicals that make them more flexible and harder to break. Phthalates leach into liquids or foods contained in the bottle. They disrupt androgens, which can initiate hormone imbalances in the body, particularly in prepubescent males.

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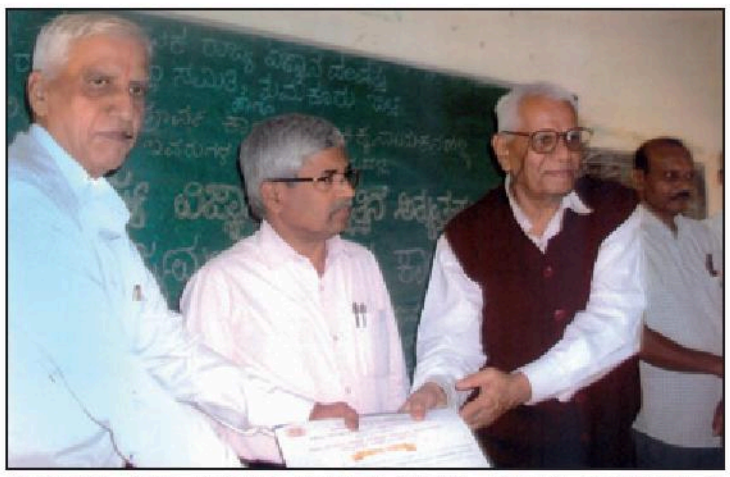
Karnataka State Science Council Mysuru adjudged the Best



Karnataka State Science Council (KSSC), Mysuru convenor R. Anantharamu** (extreme left) **seen receiving the certificate from Senior Scientist M.R. Nagaraj as others look on.

Mysuru, Nov.27 (US)- Karnataka State Science Council (KSSC), Government Pre-University College, Chikkanayakanahalli and KSSC Tumakuru District Committee had organised a function at the College premises in Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru District recently for the presentation of prize to the best wing of KSSC.

A cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and certificate was presented to KSSC, Mysuru, for organising maximum science activities for the last three years continuously. The prize was received by R. Anantharamu, Convenor, KSSC, Mysuru, from Senior Scientist M.R. Nagaraj. College Principal Siddalingappa presided. KSSC Tumakuru President Shivakumar, Scientist Ramakrishnappa and others were present.

MAA Utsav in city on Dec.8

Mysuru, Nov.27- The Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA) has organised its annual MAA Utsav on Dec.8.

MAA conducts MAA Utsav on the second Saturday of December every year. More than 1,000 delegates from across India and also from various parts of the world will participate in the event.

The organisers have appealed to alumni to participate in the MAA Utsav-2018. This year, there will be a scientific session, and faculty from different parts of the world will deliver guest lectures. The general body meeting of MAA will be held on Dec.8 at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2428258.

Really...?

- ***Gloves were even worn in ancient times to protect workers' hands.***
- ***Gloves reflected wealth and power in the Medieval Period, while mittens were worn by poor people; Gloves became a popular fashion item in the 1500s, when they were worn by Queen Elizabeth I.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: *Wait for me honey, I'm just finishing my make-up.*
Hubby: *You don't need make-up, Jane.*
Wife: *Oh, ... really? That is so sweet of you!*
Hubby: *You need plastic surgery!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 70.86
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 90.79
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.29
1 Euro	= Rs. 80.32

VOICE OF THE READER

Four Disneylands in one Region: A crazy idea

Sir,

This is regarding the news item titled ***'Not 1, not 2, not 3... but 4 Disneylands in Mysuru Region !'*** (*SOM* dated Nov.24).

"Two phenomena, in particular, are giving rise to world-wide concern... mass unemployment and mass migration into cities. Successful industrial development in the cities destroys the economic structure of the hinterland, and the hinterland takes its revenge by mass migration into the cities, poisoning them and making them utterly unmanageable... There is no answer to the evils of mass unemployment and mass migration into cities, unless the whole level of rural life can be raised, and this requires the development of an agro-industrial culture, so that each district, each community, can offer a colourful variety of occupations to its members"(*Small Is Beautiful* by E.F. Schumacher).

Probably to address these twin problems and to help the unemployed and the farming community, our Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy wants to build not one or two but four Disneylands in Mysuru region at a whopping cost of Rs.2,000 crore! Tourists visiting our State should get a taste of our lifestyles, culture and heritage. So, let's not be copycats.

Lakhs of families in our State do not have a roof over their heads. Instead of building Disneylands and a towering statue, why can't the CM and his team think of affordable housing for the low and the middle income group on a large scale? Beneficiaries would be ever grateful to the government if they take such a step and in the process, tens and thousands of jobs can be created. Build roads in towns and villages, clean-up dying lakes and revive the dead ones, upgrade Primary Health Centres and hospitals.

The government should improve infrastructure and facilities at the existing tourists spots first and have the priorities right. Create new world class tourist attractions in new destinations and not meddle with the already famous ones. Four Disneylands in one region is just crazy.

Residents should be given preference over the tourists as excess tourism in the region will bring-in any number of problems to the locals. Discuss and debate before taking any decisions, especially when the survival of the coalition government itself keeps both the politicians and the citizens on the tenterhooks.

The government should show urgency in Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building works which have been neglected for years and not rush to acquire fertile lands in a break-neck speed which gives rise to suspicion that there's something fishy about these Rs.2,000 crore Disneylands!

—Mubasher Mirza
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'Financial inclusion doesn't mean just having bank account'

Mysuru, Nov.27- Financial inclusion doesn't mean just having a bank account, but it has more to do with a wide range of financial services and security such as insurance, health care, education etc., said Udaya Kumar, Managing Director & CEO, Grameen Financial Services.

He was speaking after inaugurating the three-day 4th International Conference on 'Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends,' at SDM-IMD on Chamundi Hill Road recently and said that India still has a large population that belongs to the bottom of the pyramid and also spoke at length on micro-finance and micro-lending.

In his keynote address on the second day, Founder and Chairman of GRAAM, Mysuru, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam threw light on the key managerial issues and economic problems prevailing in our country with special reference to the tribal communities. He drew up the threats and challenges to sustainable development and opined that ecological crisis, societal crisis and crisis of self are the barriers to inclusive sustainability.

Dr. N.R. Parasuraman, Director of the Institute, elucidated the brewing economic turmoil and inconsistent growth across the world. He also expressed his concerns on underdeveloped financial instruments in the market like derivates, hedge equities in India which has led to under-development of the economy.

Founder and Chairman of CAREERS 360, Maheshwar Peri, in the technical session, mainly dealt with the education system in India coupled with demographic dividends, threw light on the alarming growth of rate of the cost of higher education in India against the much lower growth rate of jobs over time.

Udaya Kumar, Managing Director & CEO, Grameen Financial Services, addressing the gathering during the inauguration of 4th International Conference at SDM&IMD in city recently.

On the third day, R.C. Jagadeesh, who began his oration talking about India's strengths, emphasised that Indians are no doubt intelligent and rich with culture but are weak in fundamental business aspects such as quality of product, punctuality, etc. He substantiated his argument with personal experiences, before he concluded by saying that India is spiritually strong and by applying the same we could achieve heights.

There were a few other technical and track sessions that ran parallel during the three-day conference that received an overwhelming response in terms of quality research papers presented by academicians and research scholars, on the key managerial issues in economic development and sustainability.

Over 200 delegates from India and abroad attended the conference, according to a press release from SDM-IMD Director.

CII Mysuru to host Corporate Wellness Conference on Nov.29

Mysuru, Nov.27- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, is organising a one-day conference on 'Corporate Wellness' on Nov.29 at Hotel Radisson Blu in Mysuru from 9.30 am to 6 pm. The theme of the Conference is "Wellness and Well-being for a Happy Workplace." The Conference is being chaired by Arjun Ranga, Chairman, CII Mysuru and CEO, N. Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd.

Swami Shantivratanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru; Yogi Srinivas Arka, Founder, Arka Foundation India; Yogacharya Dr. K. Raghavendra R. Pai, Founder, Sri Veda Vyasa Yoga Foundation; Dr. Lakshminarayana Shenoy, Asst. Director, AYUSH Research Centre, Mysuru; Dr. Poornima Krishnamurthy, Director, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre and Dr. A. Sreekumar, Chairman & MD, Wellness Solutions Pvt. Ltd; are the main speakers.

Dr. B.R. Pai, CMD, Vijaya Foundation, Dr. N. Muthukumar, Chairman, CII Karnataka and President and Whole Time Director, Automotive Axles Ltd., Bhaskar Kalale, Vice-Chairman, CII and President and GM India Operations, Theorem India Pvt. Ltd. and S.N. Rao, Past Chairman, CII Mysuru and MD, Supreme Pharmaceuticals, Mysuru, are the other speakers.

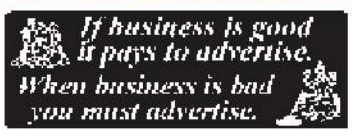
There will be presentations on Research Reports and Case Studies on "Corporate Wellness" by PWC, HANSA Research and Infosys Ltd. Those interested may contact M.K. Kiran of CII on Mob: 98447-85965 or e-mail: *kiran.m.k@cii.in*

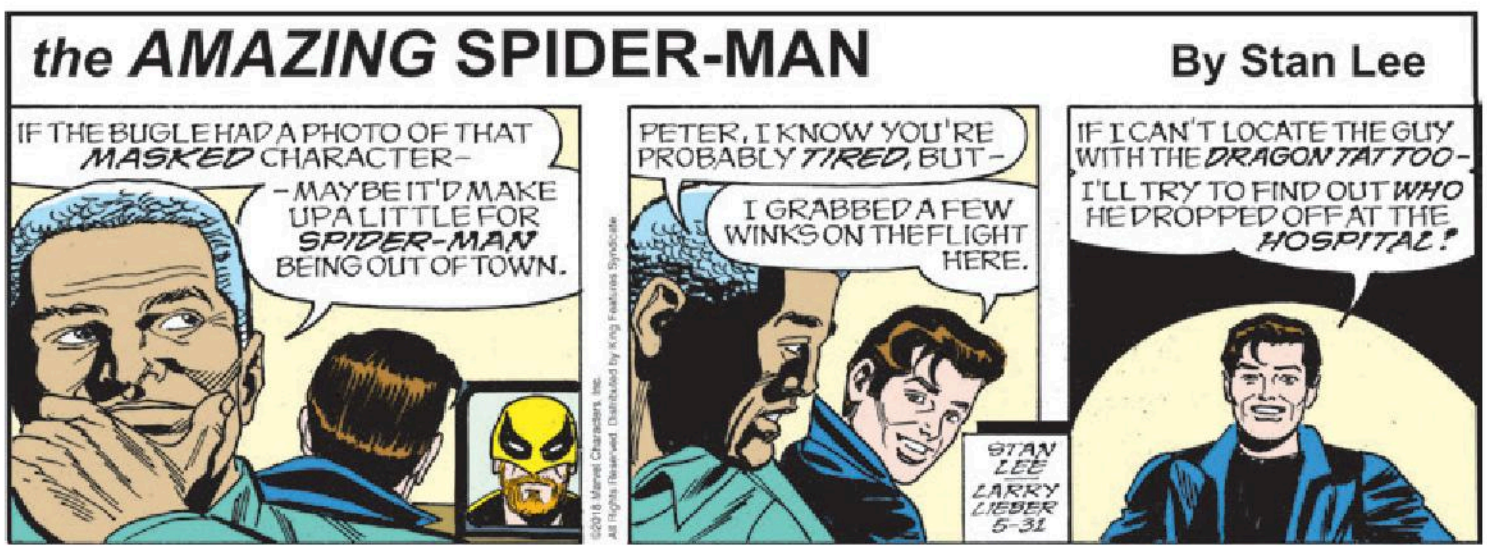
RPF Firing Range Practice: Villagers cautioned

Mysuru,Nov.27- The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Mysore Division, South Western Railway (SWR), will be conducting the Annual Range Classification target practice from Nov.27 to 29 and Dec.12 to 14 at Doddabydarahalli firing Range of Mandya district from 6 am to 3 pm. Therefore, the neighbouring villagers are requested to avoid movement of people and livestock in and around Doddabydarahalli firing range of Mandya district to avoid any untoward incidents, according to a press release from S. Saravanan, Assistant Commercial Manager.

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled **'Absconding lorry driver arrested after four years'** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore*, it was inadvertently mentioned that the convict Eldose was awarded **four years** simple imprisonment. It may please be read as **four months** simple imprisonment. **—Ed**




the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
By Stan Lee
IF THE BUGLE HAD A PHOTO OF THAT MASKED CHARACTER-
-MAYBE IT'D MAKE UP A LITTLE FOR SPIDER-MAN BEING OUT OF TOWN.
PETER, I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY TIRED, BUT-
I GRABBED A FEW WINKS ON THE FLIGHT HERE.
STAN LEE
LARRY LIEBER
5-31
IF I CAN'T LOCATE THE GUY WITH THE DRAGON TAT TOO-
I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT WHO HE DROPPED OFF AT THE HOSPITAL!
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NEWS BRIEFS

Coordination Panel meeting on Dec.1

The postponed District Development Coordination and In-charge Committee meeting chaired by Member of Parliament R. Dhruvanarayan will be held on Dec.1 at 12 noon at the Office of Zilla Panchayat, according to the release from Zilla Panchayat CEO.

Training on organic farming practices

Belavala Foundation Mysuru has organised a two-days hands-on training-cum-interaction programme on ecological/organic farming practices on Dec.8 and 9 at Belavala Parisara Krishi Kendra, Belagola, KRS Road, Mysuru. The programme will be conducted under the guidance of Dr. Ramakrishnappa and Dr. Vishakanta. Interested may contact Mob: Ved Prabhu - 87627-90112 or 89718-67171 before Dec. 4.

Animals adopted

The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: Prateek Agarwal, Hyderabad - Love Birds (Rs.2,000); Bhagyashree Goel, Mumbai - Saltwater Crocodile (Rs.7,500); R. Ranjini, Bengaluru - Mandarin Duck (Rs.2,000); S. Sridhara, LIC of India, Mysuru - Leopard Cat (Rs.5,000).

Music concert

As part of Vaggeyakara Prof. V. Ramaratnam's 12th Memorial Programme, Mysore Sangeetha Pratishtana has organised a Classical vocal concert by Vid. N. Srinath at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Nov.28) at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Vid. Krithik Koushik on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

Inauguration

District Co-op. Union President H.V. Rajeev will inaugurate the Hebbalu Kaigarika Souhardha Sahakari Niyamitha at HIEMA Convention Centre, Hebbal Industrial Estate, tomorrow (Nov.28) at 6 pm. FKCCI Bengaluru President Sudhakar S. Shetty will preside. KASSIA Bengaluru President Basavaraj S. Javali will be the Chief Guest. Earlier at 5.15 pm, Lakshmi Puja will be performed.

Happiness course

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised Weekend Residential Happiness Programme from Nov. 30 (6 pm to 8.30 pm) to Dec. 2 (7.30 am to 5 pm) by International Faculty Divyapaadaji at Guruji Ashram, Laithadripura, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 94804-76825 or 99866-98600.

Pandavapura bus accident

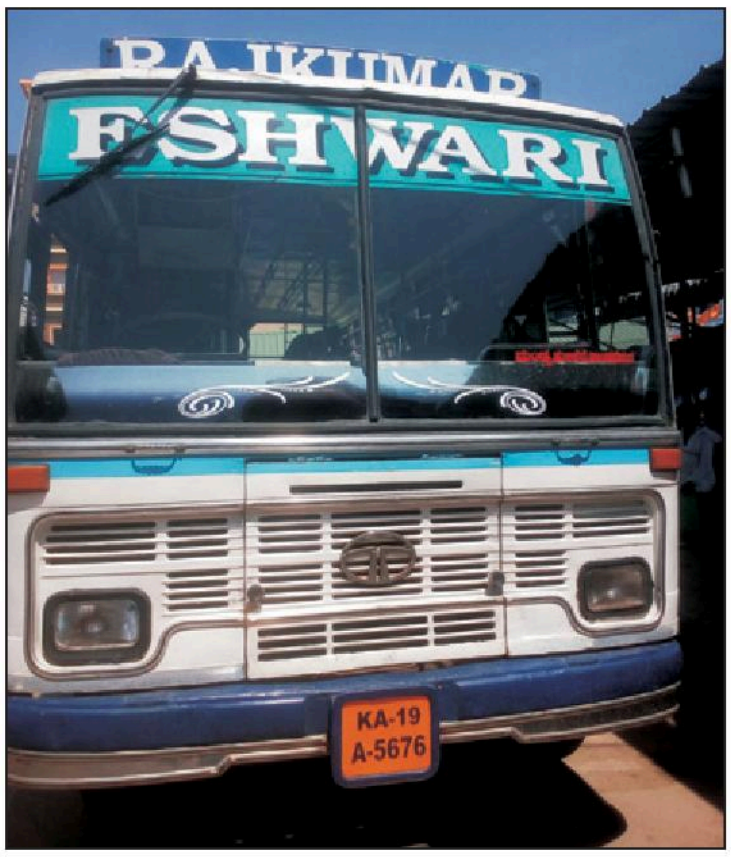
Bus conductor arrested, driver still absconding

Two KSRTC buses ply on Kanaganamaradi route

Pandavapura, Nov.27(Nagaiah&KS)- Pandavapura Police, who are investigating the private bus accident at Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura taluk after it fell into Visvesvaraya Canal on Saturday resulting in the death of 30 people including women and children, have arrested the conductor of the bus and are yet to arrest the driver of the bus who is still absconding.

The conductor, who has been arrested, is Thandava. The Police picked him up from his in-law's place on Sunday. It is learnt that he is being interrogated at an undisclosed place. However, the driver of the private bus, identified as Mahadeva of Mallanayakanakatte, is still at large.

It may be recalled that on Saturday morning, the private bus named 'Rajkumar' plunged into Visvesvaraya Canal at Kanaganamaradi in the taluk claiming the lives of 30 passengers. Soon after the bus fell into the canal, the conductor and the driver allegedly jumped out of the bus and swam to safety while another version said that the conductor and driver managed to come out of the bus after it fell into the canal and screamed for help which attracted large crowd, but escaped from the spot after sensing the gravity of the situation.



The private bus involved in the accident was 18-year-old and had outlived its road fitness. The bus was registered in Mangaluru (KA-19 A-5676) 18 years ago. It operated for 15 years on Mangaluru-Udupi, changing ownership eight times in this span, before it was ultimately sold to a person in Mandya.

The tragedy at Kanaganamaradi has once again brought to the fore the issue of RTOs giving Fitness Certificates to vehicles which are too old or unfit to ply on roads.

With 30 people losing their lives in Saturday's tragedy, people are blaming the RTO officials for issuing Fitness Certificate to the ill-fated bus without bothering to check its fitness to ply on roads.

Meanwhile, the officials are collecting information about the kin of the victims to ensure that the compensation amount of Rs.5 lakh each, announced by CM Kumaraswamy, reaches the actual beneficiaries.

KSRTC operates two buses on Kanaganamaradi route

As the people of Kanaganamaradi depended only on private buses, the villagers had urged the Chief Minister to deploy KSRTC buses on this route.

Chief Minister Kumaraswamy, considering their pleas, had instructed the Transport Department to make arrangements to ply KSRTC buses on this route.

Following the CM's instructions, the KSRTC authorities have deployed two KSRTC buses on the route from Sunday.

Lovers commit suicide after writing death note

Periyapatna, Nov. 27 (Ramesh &KS)- A boy and a girl, who were reportedly in love, allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves to a tree near Veerabhadra Temple atop Sidilu Mallikarjuna Hill at Bettadapura in Periyapatna taluk yesterday. They have left a death note behind.

The deceased are D.L. Veena, a PUC student and K.N. Swamy, who was working with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Service.

While Veena hailed from Naganahalli Doddakoppalu village, K.N. Swamy was a resident of

K.N. Swamy *D.L. Veena*

Kelaganahalli Doddakoppalu village in the taluk. Both are said to be close relatives.

The incident came to light when a retired Police Officer, who had gone to the temple along with his family members, noticed the two bodies hanging from the tree near the temple and immediately informed Bettadapura Police.

The Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the bodies to Periyapatna Government Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the bodies were handed over to their parents. In the suicide note left behind by them, the two have sought forgiveness from their parents for taking the extreme step besides expressing regrets for not understanding their (parents) feelings. The girl has expressed her wish to be cremated in the village of Swamy.

Meanwhile, Veena's father Lokesh, who has expressed his ignorance about the two in love, has stated in the complaint that Veena left the house in the morning telling him that she was going to the college and he later got a call from one Dushyanth, who broke the news of the suicide.

Bettadapura Police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating.

Another Ambarish fan ends life

Surendra

Mandya, Nov.27- Even as CM H.D. Kumaraswamy made a fervent appeal to fans of actor Ambarish not to take extreme steps out of emotion, a 46-year-old man ended his life by hanging self at Maddur in the district yesterday.

G.S. Surendra (46) of Goravanahalli in Maddur, is the deceased.

After paying his last respects to Ambarish at Sir MV Stadium in Mandya on Sunday night, Surendra returned to his rented accommodation at town and committed suicide by hanging self, it is learnt.

Earlier on Sunday, one Thammaiah (52) of Hucchegowdanahalli in Maddur, who was reportedly depressed over Ambarish's death, ended his life by falling under a moving train at Nidaghatta on Mysuru-Bengaluru section.

Obituary

Rizwan Ahmed

Mysuru, Nov.27- Rizwan Ahmed (67), a pigmy collector at The Muslim Co-operative Bank, Mysuru and a resident of Kalyangiri, passed away yesterday afternoon at a private hospital following brief illness.

Namaz-e-Janaza was offered at Masjid-e-Abu Akheel at Azeez Sait Nagar this morning, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle in city.

Centre fixes weight of school bags based on class

No homework for Class I & II students

New Delhi, Nov. 27- Children's school bags are set to get lighter as several States and Union Territories (UTs) are acting on a recent communication from the Centre to formulate guidelines that set the maximum weight in accordance to the class in which students are enrolled.

The HRD Ministry, which had announced "rationalisation" of school syllabi by culling irrelevant or obsolete content, has said Class X school bags must not exceed 5kg while for Classes I and II, they should not be more than 1.5kg. The norm for Classes III to V would be between 2kg and 3kg, for VI and VII it should be 4kg, and for Classes VIII and IX 4.5kg.

The Centre's letter to States, UTs and Education Boards also states that there will be no "homework" for Classes I and II and no subject other than language and mathematics will be prescribed for these classes. For Classes III to V, schools will teach only Environmental Science (EVS), Mathematics and languages as prescribed by NCERT.

'**Ensure students don't bring additional books to school,' the letter also stated.**

The letter sent to the States asks them to "formulate guidelines to regulate the teaching of subjects and weight of schoolbags in accordance with government of India instructions". Following the communication, some States issued circulars to Education Departments to comply with the directions with immediate effect. Some places like Delhi said they have not yet received the MHRD's letter, which was issued last month.

The Centre's move is in keeping with the MHRD's initiatives to reduce schoolbag weight and also rationalise teaching calendars to ensure more time for non-academic activities like sports and other skills.

While setting class-wise weight limit on schoolbags, the Centre has asked States and UTs and Education Boards to ensure "students should not be asked to bring additional books, extra materials". While Lakshadweep Administration has implemented the guidelines with immediate effect, some States like Karnataka will issue their norms based on the MHRD's direction.

Ill-effects of heavy school bags: The ill-effects of heavy schoolbags may not be immediately evident, but physicians say they can have an adverse impact on the nervous system besides being a physical burden for kids. Dr. Ramneek Mahajan, Director, Orthopaedics and Joint Replacement, Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Delhi, said that heavy schoolbags can cause lasting damage like spinal deformities as children's skeletal frames are not fully formed.

"The excess weight puts undue stress on the muscles, ligaments and discs and damages them. Children develop a forward head posture as they are swinging forward at the hip to compensate for the heavy weight. In the long term, they are developing imbalances that can affect the nervous system," he said.

Nanjangud boy's death at K.R. Hospital to be probed

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (KS)- The Secretary of the Department of Medical Education has reportedly written to the Dean and Director of Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) to conduct a probe into the death of a boy, who after undergoing an ear surgery, slipped into coma and died later.

The deceased boy is Abhi (14), of Kadabur in Nanjangud taluk. He was admitted to K.R. Hospital for an ear ailment on Nov.20 and underwent an operation the following day (Nov.21).

It is learnt that oral instructions have been given to find out the reason for the boy's death and action be taken on concerned doctors if they are at fault. A probe committee consisting of doctors other than K.R. Hospital doctors be appointed.

Meanwhile, Devaraja Police, who have registered a case in this regard, have seized the injection vial and test dose medicines administered and given to the boy besides seizing medical equipment.

A Police officer has also been appointed to conduct investigation.

Child saved from fire

Mysuru, Nov. 27 - In a reported incident, a 7-year-old kid was saved from fire by members of the public at Rajivnagar here yesterday.

Syed Hussain, a resident of Rajivnagar, had gone out along with his family members, after leaving his 7-year-old child alone. But after sometimes a fire broke out in the house, reportedly due to a short circuit, following which the child cried for help from the window. The public soon broke the window grills and rescued the child safely.

Fire tenders which rushed to the spot doused the fire, but by then, furnitures and other articles inside the house were reduced to ashes, it is learnt.

Former Intl. athlete Arjun Devaiah escapes with minor injuries in car accident

Arjun Devaiah

Mysuru, Nov. 27- Former International athlete Arjun Devaiah and his wife Divya had a miraculous escape when the car they were travelling, toppled between Bilikere and Yelwal on Mysuru-Hunsur road early this morning.

The couple were travelling to Mysuru from Madikeri, when the mishap occurred. Arjun and his wife escaped with minor injuries, it is learnt.

Yelwal Police have registered a case in this regard.

CM to inaugurate Vidya Vikas

Silver Jubilee celebration tomorrow

Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (MTY&DM)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will inaugurate the Silver Jubilee Celebration of 'Vidya Vikas Educational Trust' (VVET) at the institution's camps sports ground on Mysuru-Bannur Road, at 10 am tomorrow (Nov.28).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, former MLA Vasu, who is the Chairman of Vidya Vikas Educational Trust, said that Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Explaining the growth of the institutions under VVET, Vasu said that since its inception in 1991, Vidya Vikas Educational Institutions have grown by leaps and bounds over the year and now has 18 colleges covering a vast variety of subjects and streams, right from Nursery to Post Graduate studies. MP and Former Chief Minister Veerappa Moily will inaugurate an auditorium marking the Silver Jubilee celebration, he said.

Continuing, Vasu said the valedictory will take place at 5.30 pm tomorrow in the divine presence of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara will deliver the valedictory address.

District Minister G.T. Devegowda, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, MLCs Sandesh Nagaraj, R. Dharmasena, Marithibbbegowda and K.T. Srikantegowda, MPs R. Dhruvanarayan and Pratap Simha, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and others will take part in the celebration, he said and added that Mandya's PES Educational Institutions President H.D. Chowdaiah and Academy of Liberal Education, Sullia, Dakshina Kannada President Dr. K.V. Chidananda will be felicitated on the occasion.

Sunil Arora appointed new Chief Election Commissioner

Sunil Arora

New Delhi, Nov.27 - Sunil Arora has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) by President Ram Nath Kovind yesterday. He will succeed O.P. Rawat and will take charge on Dec. 2. Arora has been inducted to the Chief Election Commissioner's post a year after he was appointed to the Election Commission in Sept. 2017.

The Election Commission will hold the 2019 general election under him. Besides the Lok Sabha polls, Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Odisha, Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim are scheduled to be held next year.

Arora had served as the Secretary in the Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Sixty two-year-old Arora had also served as the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation from 1999 to 2002. He also worked as Chief Managing Director of the Indian Airlines for five years, including two years as the additional charge.

Traffic Cop prevents lamp post from falling on road

Mysuru, Nov. 27 (SBD&DM)- A City Traffic Police personnel, using his presence of mind has prevented an ornamental electric lamp post from falling on the road near K.R. Circle here yesterday.

The Cop, who noticed the lamp post leaning dangerously towards the road, informed the matter to the MCC personnel.

MCC's Abhaya team, which rushed to the spot, straightened the lamp post by tying it to the Signal Lights pole close by.

Naxals and other pestilences

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

What exactly is a Maoist? Or a Naxalite? Or an Activist? Or an Anti-national? Or an Urban Naxal? (Is there a Village Naxal?) Obviously there is something bad about them, though we don't know what. In the old days of binary values, if you were a Communist you were bad; if you were anti-Communist you were good. Now Communism and Marx don't matter. Note that the Communist Party of India (Maoist) was banned in 2004 while the Communist Party of India (Marxist) was considered so harmless that it was left to stew in its own juice.

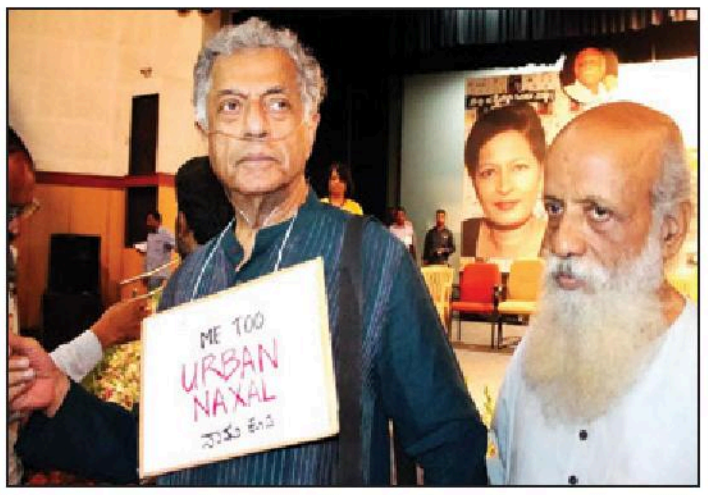
It wasn't so when the war against Hitler ended and Churchill's Britain and Roosevelt's America reluctantly teamed up with Stalin's Soviet Union to share the spoils of war. In no time, Stalin and Communism were seen as enemies of democracy. A hate wave rose in America. The result was the Cold War that plagued the world for four tense decades from the 1950s to the end of the 1980s. Movies were made on the Cold War, books written. In the midst of the turmoil, America came under the spell of a mighty force called McCarthyism.

In a speech in early 1950s, Joseph McCarthy, a Republican Senator, said that he had a list of 250 card-carrying communists working for the State Department. Pandemonium broke out, fear gripped the thinking class and Senator McCarthy became the most powerful politician in America.

He turned out to be a cruel manipulator. Forming the so-called House Un-American Activities Committee, he led a witch hunt. Anyone could be called before his Committee and asked: "Are you, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?" Many careers were destroyed. People like Charlie Chaplin ran away from America. The nightmare ended after an army lawyer took on McCarthy and gave him a verbal assault that was devastating. The Senate itself finally passed a resolution censuring him. A shocked McCarthy was plunged into depression and took refuge in alcoholism. He died unlamented in 1957.

McCarthyism's seven-year reign of terror was built on a simple premise: Attack those who did not toe what was projected as the line of patriotism. Does that sound familiar to us in India these days? Somebody provides a definition of nationalism and those who disagree are branded anti-national. A non-political institution like the Airports Authority of India feels obliged to cancel its invitation to classical singer T.M. Krishna in Delhi. Krishna finally performed before a large audience. But who tried to stop him? And why?

Girish Karnad, India's greatest living playwright, appeared at a function wearing a placard hanging from his neck with the legend, "MeToo, Urban Naxal." What prompted this gentle, thinking citizen to show such a defiant gesture? Was he defying a shadow or the substance? That is the other side of Indian McCarthyism. The powers that spread fear, and provoke the fearless to react, are invisible and unheard. They are too clever, or cowardly, to set up an Un-Indian Activities Committee openly and put non-partisan citizens on trial.



Karnad was one of those who decided to call the bluff. A shadow named Vivek Agnihotri, a film maker, had asked patriots to make a list of those who were defending Urban Naxals critical of the current Government in Delhi. Some 50,000 people mocked him by enlisting themselves as Urban Naxals. One named Amrita Madhukalya said it in words that went out like pistol shots: "I think. I debate. I question. I dissent. I criticise. I empathise. I protest. I probe. I exist. #Me Too Urban Naxal."

There is still no sign that the invisible members of the invisible Un-Indian Activities Committee will get the message. They ignore some, target some, punish some. Arundhati Roy keeps making statements like "in the India of today, to belong to a minority is a crime." At another level, Dabholkar and Pansare and Kalburgi were silenced though all they did was think, debate, question, empathise, probe.

In the course of the Dabholkar-Pansare case, the revision bench of the Bombay High Court said: "We are witnessing a tragic phase in the country today. Citizens already feel that they cannot voice their concerns or opinions fearlessly. Are we going to see a day when everyone will need police protection to move around or to speak freely?"

In a 1952 judgment related to McCarthyism, US Supreme Court Justice Douglas Williams said: "Our weakness grows when we become intolerant of opposing ideas and depart from our standards of civil liberties." Voices of sanity abound. Of what avail?

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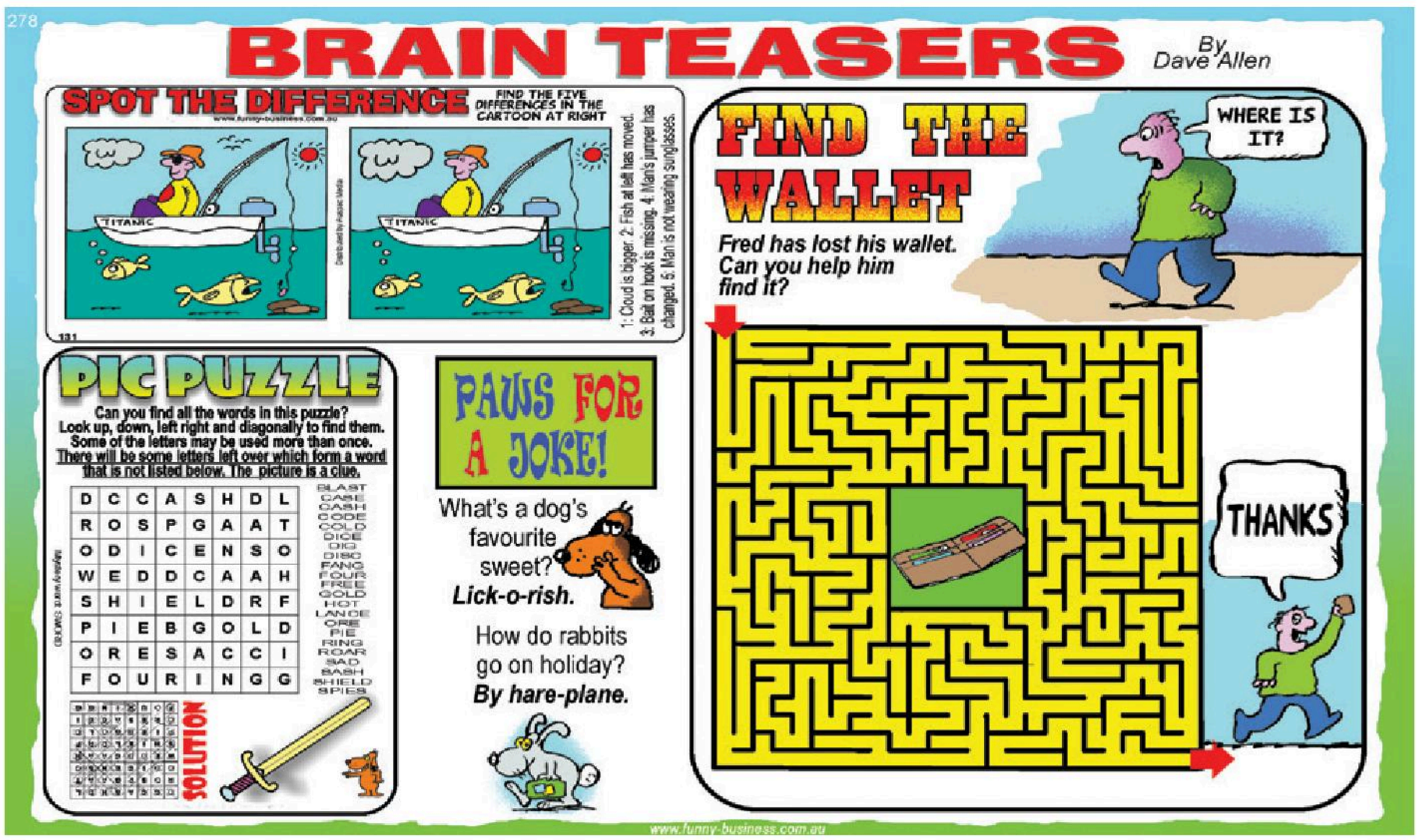
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BRAIN TEASERS
By Dave Allen
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FIND THE WALLET
Fred has lost his wallet. Can you help him find it?
WHERE IS IT?
THANKS
PIC PUZZLE
Can you find all the words in this puzzle? Look up, down, left right and diagonally to find them. Some of the letters may be used more than once. There will be some letters left over which form a word that is not listed below. The picture is a clue.
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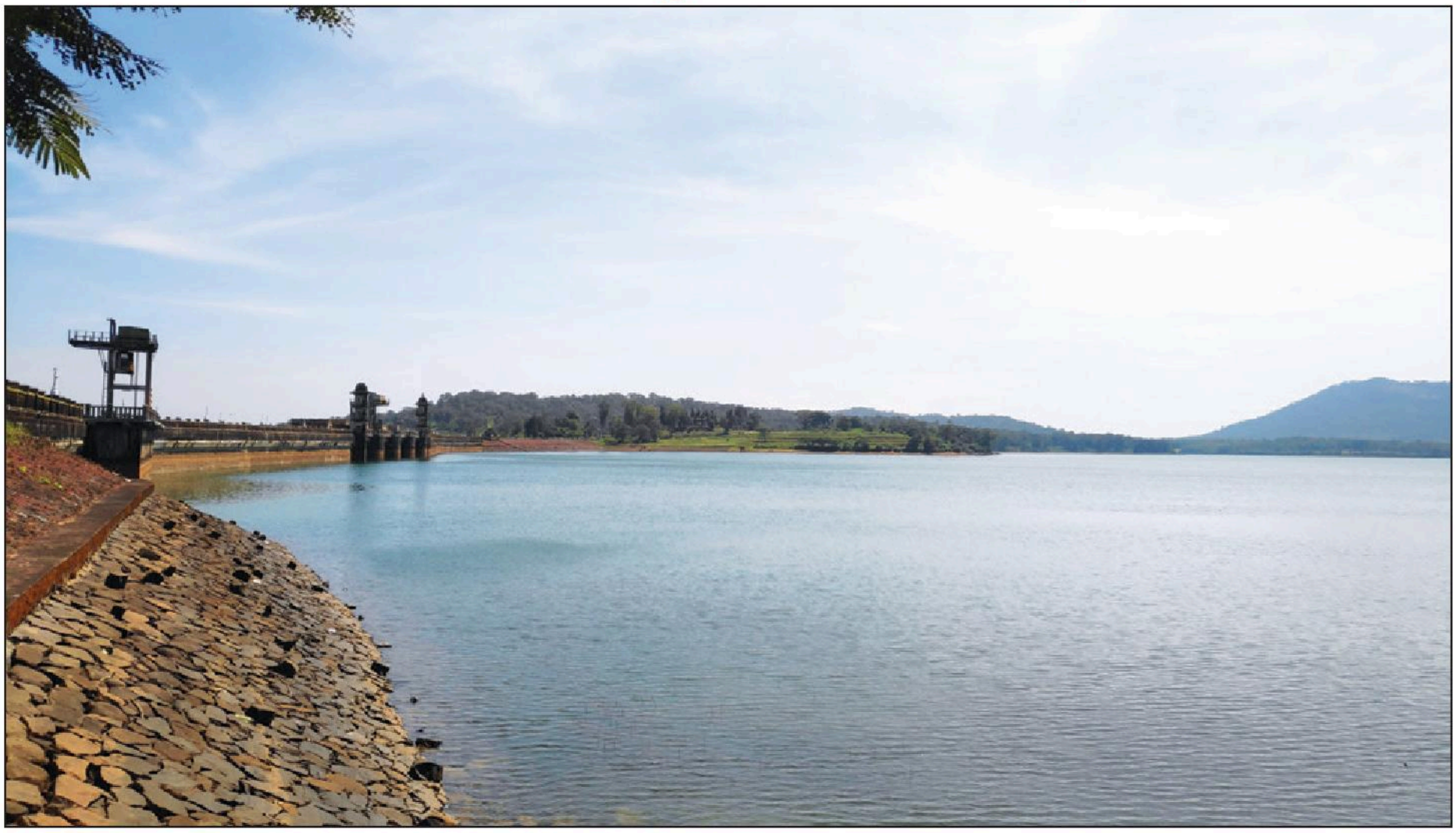
Harangi water level depletes: Kushalnagar residents worried

Tonnes of mud swept away by floods and landslides increase Harangi Dam's silt deposit



Kushalnagar, Nov. 27 (AG& BCT)- Water level at Harangi Dam in Kodagu is slowly depleting. From its maximum capacity of 8.5 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet), the Dam level presently stands at 3.3 tmcft.

The alarming depletion of water in Harangi has caused concern among residents of Kushalnagar, Koodige and surrounding areas who fear that they will face severe water shortage in 2019 peak summer season. Ironically, it is the same Kushalnagar that was fed up with water when it was literally submerged as maximum water was released from the Harangi Dam in August and early September this year.

When it rained in August and September this year bringing in untold misery for the people of North Kodagu in the form of floods and landslides, over 86,000 cusecs of water was released from Harangi to the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, also in the Cauvery Basin, in Mandya. Such an amount was not released in the past 25 years and this year's water release broke previous records.

Water, up to 86,000 cusecs, was released continuously for more than a week and this submerged large swathe of lands in Kushalnagar. Many layouts and bungalows were submerged forcing people to take shelter in gruel centres established at Suntikoppa, Koppa and surrounding areas.

As of now, 1,700 cusecs of water is being released from the Dam downstream though there is an inflow of only 95 cusecs. Residents of Kushalnagar, Bylakuppe, Koppa and surrounding villages have appealed to the Irrigation Department officials not to release water and store the same for the crisis months.

Also, thousands of tonnes of mud and top soil that have been washed away due to floods and landslides have accumulated in the backwaters of Harangi. Residents say that usually, the backwaters don't recede till the month of December or January as the Reservoir will be in its full capacity.

This year, however, tonnes of mud have entered the backwaters and the silt accumulation is high. Due to this water is present only near the Dam walls. Residents said that due to silt accumulation, water storage capacity of the Dam has decreased. They have urged the Kodagu District Administration to lift the silt so that the Dam capacity can be increased.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

The Rotary Journey:

To S. Korea and Japan —1

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page"

—St. Augustine

For once, I have discovered that good news too could spread as fast as bad news! I had decided to keep my travel to Japan and Korea under wraps, but it seems the whole town knew of my tour even as I was landing in Tokyo.

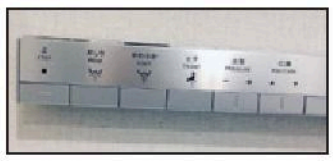
On return, I found many of my friends and acquaintances asking, when I would inflict upon my readers the travelogue. I felt flattered when they said they were eagerly looking for it. But when I asked, whoever said I was away, the answer was, "Your absence in town is always perceived while reading the *Star of Mysore*." I was not flattered.

Be that as it may, it has been a sort of tradition in Rotary Mysore (Main) to go on a foreign tour once in two, three or four years. Except once, I do not remember to have missed any of these tours. This year too we had a tour to South Korea and Japan beginning November first and as is my wont, I write here what I saw, heard and felt about the places we visited.

Every journey on earth begins with a preparation. Except the one. The final journey.

For this journey, the preparation began a couple of months earlier under the initiative of Rotarian Past Governor M. Lakshminarayan. To arrive at an agreeable date by those who wished to join the group was indeed a dicey affair. If one has a family wedding on the suggested date, another will have some other reason. It was a miracle that finally November 1st turned out to be the date acceptable to all the members and the journey began.

It was decided that all the members meet at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru using their own mode of transport. It was for the first time I opted for KSRTC Flybus and I realised what I was missing in the past by using my own car. The comfort level of the Flybus was beyond words. It has even a toilet at the rear which I found quite hygienic



and clean. The standard of the Flybus is comparable to those found in foreign countries. However, the sad part of the journey was the roads which continue to be an apology for good roads that we find abroad. In no other country that I visited, have I seen roads constructed throwing to the winds the engineering norms and maintained in a more obstructionist manner than in Karnataka and maybe in the country.

The traffic management on the road is so chaotic, the travel time is almost made double the time actually needed if the roads are good. At present there is no 'free passage' and roads are hazardous. The reasons for this poor quality of our roads can be attributed to corruption and for the poor traffic management to lack of expertise on the part of the Police responsible for Traffic Management. Let it be.

Our first landing was at the Incheon International Airport, Seoul, the capital of South Korea. It was cold with temperature at 19 degree Celsius. The local representative of our travel agent Thomas Cook ensured we were transferred to our hotel — Intercity Hotel — in the central part of Seoul. Soon after, we trooped out for dinner in an Indian restaurant at the far end of the city travelling by a coach. The day one of the tour was over.

As we travelled to our dinner destination, I was looking out at the colourfully lit city roads with glowing signboards of shops and restaurants. I realised, after all, just as American Dollar is the King among international currencies, coffee is the King of beverages here in South Korea. With so many colourful lights on either sides of the roads, it looked as if the roads were in full bloom. There were many coffee outlets and restaurants with such funny names like Bark Bark Restaurant (Did you get me Steve? If not, just a reminder that dog meat is a delicacy in South Korea.), Buddha Bells Coffee Shop, Tom Tom Café, Marley Coffee 'One Love', The Coffee Bean, Starbucks Coffee, (which is no surprise, being the leader, anyway,) Hell Cafe Roastery Shop and such amusing as much as eponymous signboards.

It is significant to note that as tourist traffic increases in major tourist cities and destinations, the size of the hotel rooms, even in Five Star hotels, has begun to shrink along with the bathroom. The one unusual user-friendly facility I could find this time was in the toilet commode. Here, the electronic technology with sensors are adopted with the operating system panel either attached to the side of the commode with an arm or on the wall in front or on the side *(See picture).* No need to use the toilet papers, as the water jet hits the anus like hitting the target at the shooting range. You may shift your bum this-way or that-way a bit to fix the target! For ladies, there are two jets provided for the front and rear. As a result, I found even the public toilets dry, neat and hygienic.

I learn this state-of-the-art toilet, used first in Japan, is known as bidet toilet and of recent introduction. It seems as of March 2016, 81% of Japanese households and almost all hotels have installed this bidet toilet under the brand name Toto.

Thinking of introducing this in India? It will soon be vandalised by many either unable to operate the system or by sheer habit of sticking to the conventional method. Perish the thought.

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Interactive educational programme on IBD held at Narayana Hospital

Mysuru, Nov.27 (KS)- Narayana Multispeciality Hospital conducted an interactive educational programme on **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)** at its premises in city recently.

Dr. Satheesh Rao, Senior Consultant Medical Gastroenterologist, conducted the prog. involving doctors, patients and care-takers. He said, IBD can be present in any age and is more commonly seen in the age group of 20 to 30 years. Symptoms were also seen in people above the age of 50, he added.

Dr. Satheesh said: "Crohn's disease that can affect any part of the gastrointestinal tract is more likely among those with a strong first circle family history such as parents or siblings as well as those who are habitual smokers. The exact cause of IBD cannot be attributed to any one type as it is a combination of genetic as well as environmental factors."

He confirmed that IBD is normally treated using medications to control the symptoms and reduce the risk of a flare-up. IBD can also cause arthritis, skin diseases, eye inflammation, liver problems and bone-related ailments. Surgery is usually the last options, he added.

The 90-minute session addressed varied aspects of IBD including diagnosis, diet, treatment options, risks and clarification on many other topics.

Forum Mall conducts drawing competition for children

Mysuru, Nov.27 (KS)- Forum Colorama, the drawing competition for children, was held at Forum Centre City Mall on Nov.24.

More than 650 children participated in four categories putting down their vision on the most burning issue of our country 'Agriculture in India.'

The event, hosted by Forum Centre City, had Agriculture expert Chaitra, Artist Sangeetha and Professors Anuradha & Ashwin as judges who motivated the children and also gave away prizes, goodies & free vouchers.

Minors driving cars

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Police said that minors are not allowed to ride or drive any vehicle and they cannot be booked according to law. As such, their parents who are abetting them to ride or drive are being booked. Often, under-aged teenagers have been caught riding without helmets — a double offence.

"We have started booking parents when we have found minors riding vehicles. As of now, we are levying a fine and letting off the parents with a warning. We will take stringent action if the parents do not heed to our warning," said a Police officer.

With each year, offenders are getting younger and parents are encouraging children to get behind the wheel. Children aged 15-16 years are among the worst offenders, said Police.

While catching traffic offenders on roads, Police have found that under-aged riders bring their parents' vehicles on roads without informing them and many times they ride without helmets risking their own lives as well as the lives of others. "Also, we have data of many accidents involving minors. We want to prevent this and that is why we are imposing fine on parents and warn them not to give vehicles to their children," Police added.

Road widening along Govt. House from Abba Road to B.N. Road begins

Heritage North Arch Gate will be preserved

• Farmers Vegetable Market on M.G. Road to be kept clear of road • More Bus Bays to be built

Mysuru, Nov.27 (RK&NNN)- The nearly Rs.3.5 crore road widening and development work under the Chief Minister's Rs.100 crore special grant has begun from the SP Office Circle, Nazarbad to Five Lights Circle, Lashkar Mohalla, on the Abba Road and B.N. Road stretch.

The road development work is going on in this 450-metre stretch widening it by 30 metres on either side. The work on this stretch was delayed as the permission to acquire a portion of the land in the Government Guest House was not given. But with the Deputy Commissioner giving his approval, the work has commenced.

The good news is that the more than 150-year-old heritage North Arch Gate will not be touched. "There is enough space of 28 metres at this junction and hence it will not be a hindrance to the traffic. However, the land inside the Government Guest House has been acquired for road widening," said MCC Zone-7 Assistant Executive Engineer Srinivas speaking to *Star of Mysore*.

The road from SP Office Circle to Five Lights Circle is a narrow stretch and traffic density is very high. Hence, there was no choice but to widen this road. Already about Rs.64 lakh worth work has been completed, he said.

He also revealed that a portion of the land inside the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), next to Government Guest House has also been acquired for road widening. The compounds of both the KPA and Government Guest House will be demolished and rebuilt once the road widening work is completed, he added.

The work on the box drain on either side of this stretch is on but the private property on the other side of the Government Guest House has not been acquired. The road will be widened only from the side of the KPA, said Srinivas.

Restrictions on M.G. Road Vegetable Market

The Farmers' Vegetable Market on M.G. Road near Mall of Mysore causes a lot of traffic congestion as the farmers occupy the road with hardly any space for traffic movement, especially during mornings.

Traffic ACP G.N. Mohan and his team are planning to put up fencing along the market boundary near the road and place concrete road medians to restrict farmers from entering the road.

35 additional Bus Bays

The City Traffic Police and the Mysuru City Corporation are undertaking a joint survey to identify places for putting up 35 additional Bus Bays in the city. This work will be taken up under City Development Plan (Nagarothana Yojana) which has a balance of Rs.10 crore of the CM's grant.

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Factory Boiler water pollutes Shimsha River

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Farmers said, though the blast was severe, District Administration has only taken a few measures to mitigate the damage. "Unbearable smell is emanating from the fields and we are unable to breathe normally. Our hands and bodies are itching and we find red marks on our bodies," Prakash said.

SUPERFICIAL MEASURES: At Chikkonahalli, there are over 1,000 villagers and they are badly affected. Villagers Shekar and Ramesh alleged that soon after the blast, officials visited the villages and they were not serious about the plight of villagers and conducted a superficial inspection. "NSL factory has a first-aid doctor and he is not even a MBBS doctor. He has been deputed to treat us and his medicines are not effective," they alleged.

The distillery spent wash at the factory was to be disposed of in December. The impact of the explosion is enormous as a huge quantity of hazardous industrial effluents has collected in the fields, water pits, ponds, canals and their subsidiaries. Shimsha water flows through the famous Kokkarebellur Bird Sanctuary and there is a danger of birds too getting affected by pollution.

According to officials from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, the chemical water spilled on lands has flowed till Iggaluru Dam. "We have sent samples for testing in laboratories," they said.

CLEANING OPERATION: Meanwhile, a massive operation to clean the fields and canals to lessen the damage has been launched. Teams, equipped with trucks, chemical collectors and pumps, have been deputed to collect industrial waste in tankers and dump at vacant places in faraway areas. Sand bunds have been created at places to prevent poisonous water flowing into fields.

Maddur Tahsildar Shwetha told *SOM* that over five teams have taken up survey of the affected villages. "Each team has seven to eight members comprising officials from Agriculture Department, Revenue, Horticulture, Fisheries, Pollution Control Board and a Policeman. The survey has been completed and I will submit a report to Mandya Deputy Commissioner tomorrow," she said.

COMPENSATION AND CASES: Minor Irrigation Minister C.S. Puttaraju, who is also the Mandya District Minister, said the factory was providing compensation to the affected farmers. They will be paid Rs.1.5 lakh per acre of sugarcane, Rs.70,000 for paddy and Rs.60,000 for ragi.

Koppa Police have registered a criminal case against the NSL Sugars under IPC Sections 278 (vitiating atmosphere in any place so as to make it noxious to the health of people), 287 (negligent conduct with respect to machinery), 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) and 427 (mischief causing damage). No arrests were made so far and investigation is on, said the Police.

Former Hassan MLA passes away

H.S. Prakash

Bengaluru, Nov.27. Former Hassan MLA H.S. Prakash (68) passed away at a Bengaluru hospital this morning following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Prakash was a four term JD(S) MLA from Hassan, having won in 1994, 2004, 2008 and 2013.

Prakash, who entered the Assembly for the first time in 1994, lost the election in 1999 and returned back to score a hat-trick of wins in 2004, 2008 and 2013.

He, however, lost to Preetham Gowda of the BJP in the May 2018 Assembly polls.

WORKSHOP ON MANAGEMENT OF DIABETES
Workshop on Management of Diabetes is organized by Internationally acclaimed Dr. A. Sreekumar, MBBS, DLO, FACNEM(AUST), FINEM, FSAARMM-CMD of Wellness Solutions, Kochi at its branch in Mysore. The Workshop provides an insight into overall personal health, 3-dimension Well being through Yoga & Nutrition- Correcting Deficiencies & also Preventive aspects.
Date : 01-12-2018, Hurry! Only limited Registrations
TRIDHI WELLNESS CENTRE (Unit of Wellness Solutions Kochi)
28, 5th Main, V.V.Mohalla, Mysore
Contact : 99452 73799 | www.thewellnessolutions.com
Dr. A. Sreekumar is available for Consultation of all lifestyle diseases on 30-11-2018 & 01-12-2018 on prior Appointment & Registration only.

GOVERNMENT AYURVEDA MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL
Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysore
Applications are invited for the post of project fellow under DBT Indo US Project entilted : 'Foldscope – a research tool for Ayurveda,' Candidate with First class masters in Ayurveda or Genetics M.Sc. hands on training on Drosophila & willing to travel are eligible to apply and may send their application with recent profile to this email (shantala301@gmail.com) within 04 days.
Name of PI : Dr.T.R.Shantala Priyadarshini
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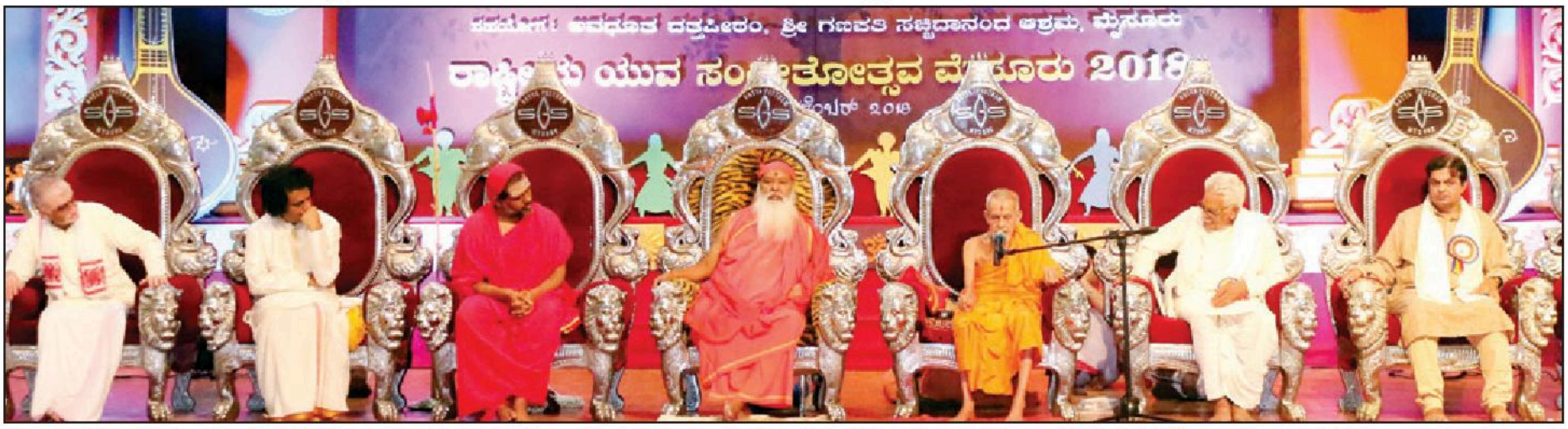


Pejawar Seer Vishwesha Teertha Swamiji addressing the gathering during the Rashtriya Yuva Sangeetotsava-2018 at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Aashrama in city recently as Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Padma Shree ***Baba Yogendraji and others look on.***

By Dr. Rama V. Bennur

November of 2018 was unique with regard to music. Apart from celebrating the Kannada Rajyotsava, three music conferences marked the beginning of this month. While two conferences were held in Bengaluru, one was held in Mysuru. Karnataka Ganakala Parishat's annual music conference and Veenatattva Prakashika-2, the second international Veena conference were held at Bengaluru. It was a moment of joy for Mysuru music lovers as two reputed musicians from Mysuru were the conference Presidents held at Bengaluru. **Mysore A. Chandan Kumar** was the President of Young Musicians Conference of Ganakala Parishat and **Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan** was the President of Veena Conference.

Samskara Bharati, an all India cultural organisation aimed at preserving Indian culture, tradition and all art forms, held its Rashtriya Yuva Sangeetotsava from Nov.1 to 4 at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Aashrama of Mysuru. This young musicians conference was aimed at bringing all young artistes of India together with the theme of 'Universal Harmony and Environmental Conservation.' This conference, which was held in association with Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama, did attract many youngsters from different parts of India. It was indeed a rare opportunity to listen to various forms of Indian art.

The conference was inaugurated by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in the divine presence of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji and *Padma Shree* Baba Yogendraji, Sansthapak Sangathan Mantri of Samskara Bharati, presided. Minister of Higher Education G.T. Devegowda, Krishnadevaraya of Anegundi, MP Pratap Simha, renowned Film Director T.S. Nagabharana, Ameerchand, All India General Secretary, Samskara Bharati and Dr. Deepak Shantharam Kirawadakar, Director, South-Central Zone, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, were the chief guests. In all, 13 eminent artistes were felicitated during this occasion.

This musical extravaganza included both Hindustani and Karnatak classical, Instrumental, ensembles, Harikathe, Bhajan, Gamaka and other art forms.

Among the instruments, saxophone and tabla tarang were included apart from the usual veena, sitar and violin. There was also a rare instrument 'Taar Shehnai' played by young **Isher Singh Namdhari,** accompanied by **Nishanth kumar Singh** on tabla. This instrument was a combination of sarod, sitar and shehnai!

The rich voice of **Anjali Gayakwad,** child prodigies like **Soorya Gayathri** and **Rahul Vellal** stole the show. All the four days were studded with programmes. Young artistes, local and from outside participated whole heartedly and made the conference a grand success. There were two panel discussions too.

Kudos to all the organisers who have worked hard to achieve 'Universal Harmony and Environment Conservation.'

Vid. Kunnakudi Balamurali Krishna presenting a vocal concert at Rashtriya Yuva Sangeetotsava.

Vid. Manasa Nayana performing at the Music Fest.

Vid. Vamshidhar presenting a flute concert during the Yuva Sangeetotsava in city.

Isher Singh Namdhari presenting 'Taar Shehnai' accompanied by Nishanth kumar Singh on tabla. Picture right shows Anjali Sriram presenting a vocal concert.

City students for National Women Cycle Polo at Rajasthan

The students of Sri Rama Vidyakula High School at Yelwal in city — M.R. Deekshitha, A.S. Aishwarya, Punyavathi, N. Sowmya, M. Keerthana, K. Vidya and V. Anjana — who will be participating in the National-level Women Cycle Polo event to be held at Rajasthan tomorrow (Nov.28) — are seen with Physical Education teacher Keerthi Kumar, Principal Chethan, Head Master Hoysala and Team Manager Vijayalakshmi.

Mysuru to host Karnataka Vs Maharashtra Ranji tie from tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov.27- The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone, will play host and conduct the Karnataka Vs Maharashtra Ranji tie, at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds from Nov.28 to Dec.1.

Karnataka team will be led by R. Vinay Kumar. Karnataka have included youngster Devdutt Padikkal and Abhishek Reddy in the 15 member squad for the match.

Team Maharashtra is led by A.R. Bawane.

Team Karnataka

R. Vinay Kumar (Captain), Shreyas Gopal (VC), D. Nischal, K.V. Siddarth, Mir Kaunain Abbas, Devdutt Padikkal, B.R. Sharath (WK), J. Suchith, A. Mithun, Prasidh M. Krishna, Ronit More, Abhishek Reddy, Pavan Deshpande, Sharath Srinivas and Liyan Khan; **Coach:** Yere K. Goud.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2018

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

"My Fair Lady" well tuned

Mysuru, Nov.27- Following are the selections for the 2nd day Mysore Races to be held here tomorrow (28th November, 2018):

1. 2.00 PM THE MANASAGANGOTRI PLATE
1100 mts. 2 years (terms)
1. My Fair Lady 2. Air Velocity

2. 2.30 PM THE KAKANAKOTE PLATE - DIV.II
1400 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
1. Kick Back 2. Lightning Touch

3. 3.00 PM THE GREAT CHARISMA PLATE - DIV.II
1200 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. Travieso 2. Poet Song

4. 3.30 PM THE KAKANAKOTE PLATE - DIV.I
1400 mts. (rated 00 to 25)
1. Go Man Go 2. Catchy Charger

5. 4.00 PM THE DR. ISHWARI G.K. BALAKRISHNA MEMORIAL TROPHY
1600 mts. (rated 40 to 65)
1. Anteros 2. Don't Trust Anyone

6. 4.30 PM THE NILGIRI'S PLATE
1600 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. King Star 2. Quick Angel

7. 5.00 PM THE GREAT CHARISMA PLATE - DIV.I
1200 mts. (rated 20 to 45)
1. Lucky Pineapple 2. Brown Beauty

DAY'S BEST: *TRAVIESO*
DOUBLE: *1. MY FAIR LADY 2. LUCKY PINEAPPLE*
JACKPOT: *3,4,5,6,7*
I-TREBLE: *2,3,4;* ***II-TREBLE:*** *5,6,7;* ***EXACTAS:*** *6,7*

—Tipster PGC

Silver Medal in Yoga

Mysuru, Nov.27- **Zaina Begum,** 4th std. student of Police Public School, Jalapuri, Mysuru, has won a Silver Medal at the 1st Intl. Yoga Meet conducted by Yoga Sports Federation of India recently at Karnal (Haryana).

12th South Zone National Netball Championship

Karnataka men and women secure silver

In the 12th South Zone National Netball Championship for Men and Women held at Don Bosco HSS Institution, Thrissur, on Nov.20 and 21, the Karnataka men and women secured silver medals. Seen are (sitting from right) ***Varsha, Shilpa, Siri Yadav, Sindhu (Vice-Captain), Deepa, Deepthi, Roshani (Captain), Shalini, Ranjitha, Deepika, Vaishnavi and Deekshitha;*** *(standing)* ***Rohith (Men team Manager), Manjunath (Men team Coach), Karthik, Akash, Rohith, Durga Prasad, Honnaraju, Vinay, C. Girish (General Secretary, ANBAK), Sakshath (Vice Captain), Manoj (Captain), Syed Masood, Srinivas, Jayanand, Manikanta, Manasa (Women team Manager) and Baswaraj (Women team coach). The Karnataka men beat Andra Pradesh 26-13 and Puducherry 17-14 in the league matches and beat Tamil Nadu 28-20 in the semi-final; In finals, Karnataka lost to Kerala 18-24. The Karnataka women beat Tamil Nadu 32-12 and Andra Pradesh 28-08 in the league matches and beat Telangana 19 -06 in the semi-final. In Finals, Karnataka lost to Kerala 21-24.***

Awareness rally, street play mark World Toilet Day

ZP felicitates 15 achievers for convincing villagers to build toilets

Zilla Panchayat President Nayeema Sulthana inaugurating the World Toilet Day celebrations organised jointly by Zilla Panchayat, Swaccha Bharath Mission at Kalamandira in city recently. ZP CEO K. Jyothi, members Krishna & Mangala Somashekhar, Deputy Secretary Shivakumaraswamy and others are seen.

Mysuru, Nov.27 (RKB&SR)- As many as 15 persons of various Gram Panchayats who played a crucial role in convincing people to build toilets in rural areas of the district were felicitated at a programme organised jointly by Zilla Panchayat and Swachh Bharat Mission at Kalamandira in city on Nov.19.

Those who were felicitated are Beluvegowda of H.D. Kote taluk for convincing to build 245 toilets, Gram Panchayat Member Shivakumar for 192 toilets, Bannikuppe Cheluvaraj for 280 toilets, K.R. Nagar taluk's Sangeetha for 300 toilets, Hunsur taluk's Madesh for 200 toilets, Mahesh for 250 toilets, Mysuru taluk's Ravikumar for 300 toilets, Devalapura Gram Panchayat Member Nagaraj for 608 toilets, Nanjangud taluk's Yashoda for 250 toilets, including Mallesh, Venkatesh and Kanthamani.

Zilla Panchayat President Nayeema Sulthana felicitated all the achievers on the occasion.

Speaking after releasing a handbook on the importance of cleanliness, Nayeema Sulthana quoted the famous statement of Mahatma Gandhi "Sanitation is more important than political freedom." Apart from quoting the slogan "Cleanliness is next to godliness," she urged villagers to build toilets in every house as it is a must to maintain sanitation. Such measures are a must to end open defecation which is the root cause for various diseases, she said and added that people from rural areas must give all co-operation to make the district open defecation-free (ODF) completely.

ZP CEO administers oath

Speaking after administering 'Swachhameva Jayate' oath and delivering the keynote address, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K. Jyothi said that nationwide sanitation movement which began from 2014 to end open defecation as part of World Millennium Development Goals has today led to the announcement of Karnataka and Mysuru district as open defecation-free.

She wanted the Gram Panchayats to identify people who still have not constructed toilets. She said that the ZP kept the funds ready for Swachh Bharat Mission activities.

She said the ZP has been conducting the street plays and other programmes across the district to sensitise the villagers to build toilets besides to end open defecation.

Minimise the usage of water, set up eco-friendly toilets

Speaking on sanitation and cleanliness, environmentalist Ravikumar said that there are differences on the usage of water for sanitation and cleanliness purpose between city and rural areas. People are using 40 litres of water for toilet use daily in urban areas, he said and added that efforts must be taken for conservation of water sources. Continuing, he said that water used for cleanliness and toilets was flowing into drains without being treated and added that programmes must be held in adoption of technology to recycle and reuse this water as half of the population in the world is facing water scarcity accelerated by climate change and population growth.

Ravikumar suggested the civic agencies and policy makers to come up with schemes to set up eco-friendly toilets.

Awareness rally

Earlier, artistes of Spandana Kalathanda and Anikethana Kala Balaga performed a play spreading the message on the importance of sanitation and cleanliness, minimise the use of water and put an end on the usage of plastic for environment protection.

Prior to this public programme, hundreds of students of JSS Mahavidyalaya at Saraswathipuram, Mahabodhi School and Maharaja High School took out an awareness rally on the thoroughfares of the city appealing the public on the importance of sanitation and cleanliness. The rally culminated at Kalamandira.

ZP Members Krishna, Mangala Somashekhar, Dr. Roopa, ZP Deputy Secretary Shivakumaraswamy, Assistant Director Manoj and others were present during the occasion.

MLA inaugurates public toilet

Ramdas

Mysuru, Nov.27 (US&RKB) - A public toilet constructed by MCC near Gun House Circle here was inaugurated by MLA S.A. Ramdas recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that the new toilet would help bus commuters, tourists, auto drivers and general public. He added that the toilet built at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh has good facilities for men, women and physically challenged. He asked people to make best use of the facility and keep the city clean.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath, MCC Assistant Commissioner Sunil Babu, Development officer Somashekarappa, engineer Santosh and others were present.

Social Media is not meant only for fun, info: There is scope to shape life too

S. Achyutananda creating jobs through Social Media

S. Achyutananda

Mysuru, Nov.27(YDS& NNN)- These days, the major topic of discussion is how social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook and others are creating problems in our day-to-day life. However, a person here is showing us how WhatsApp benefits the people.

He is Mysuru's T.K. Layout resident S. Achyutananda and presently Business Head of Bengaluru's Insign Equipment Private Limited and Coffee Point India Private Limited. He started a WhatsApp group '*Udyoga Nimmitam*' through which nearly 250 people have got jobs.

He has created a platform where neither the job consultants nor the middlemen are involved but the companies can directly get in touch with the job aspirants.

The group has been created keeping in mind especially the rural youth and this has created a bridge between them and the job creators. Thus, he has been quite successful so far in his endeavour.

The group which began with 50 members, today has 14 groups and nearly 3,500 members. Another unique feature of this group is that many growing companies, Human Resource Department Chiefs and staff are its members.

When the companies announce their requirements which includes the number of staff, age, eligibility, salary and other details, it is easy to identify the required job profile and suggest to the companies. All types of people eligible from different categories are its members is an added advantage. The group which was started about one-and-a-half years ago by Achyutananda has shared in his group that nearly 250 people have got jobs so far. This information has been shared by other group members too.

Even as the number of educated mass increases, the unemployment problem also goes up. Recognising the contribution of Achyutananda in such a scenario in the employment field, he has been conferred the '*Samartha Kannadiga*' award on Oct.28 at Tumkur. He has also been honoured at the State-level mega Udyoga Mela on Sept. 8, 2018 at Dakshina Kannada District's Puttur town.

If any job aspirant wants to become a member, can call Achyutananda on Mob: 99020-24614.

He is building a strong society depicting his social concerns by helping people in getting jobs. He is showing the youth how to use the social media purposefully. Through WhatsApp group, he has provided jobs to many youth and has been their beacon of light.

—Basavaraj Pujar

By creating WhatsApp group, he has guided hundreds of youths to get jobs. His help is highly appreciated. I will convey my gratitude to him on behalf of everyone in the group.

—Mahesh Hassan

I created the WhatsApp group to benefit rural youths to get jobs one-and-a-half years ago. There were only 50 members in the beginning. Today, it has 14 groups and nearly 3,500 members and besides 250 members have been placed in various companies. My aim is to see that many more youth are benefited.

—S. Achyutananda, WhatsApp group creator

Government bans use of mobile phones in schools, colleges

Dept. of Public Instruction issues circular to seize mobile phones

Bengaluru, Nov.27- Acting tough on students on rampant usage of mobile phones in schools and colleges, the Department of Public Instruction has issued a circular prohibiting the use of mobile phones in all primary, high school and pre-university colleges in the State. The government has given full powers to school authorities to seize the mobile phones if any students were found violating the order.

A Nov.22 circular, issued by the Department of Pre-University Education, says that the students of PU institutions coming under the PU Board, including government, aided and private colleges, are barred from using mobile phones during college.

The circular has been issued as per instructions from Chief Minister H .D. Kumaraswamy in the educational interest of the students as majority of them found glued in using mobile phones for social networking sites, neglecting their studies and directed all colleges to strictly follow the instructions. The government has taken these measures as part of bringing qualitative changes in Pre-University Education Department.

The order has also directed the school and college teachers not use mobile phone during school hours as it can be distracting to students. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Deputy Director of Pre-University Education (DDPUE) Dr. Dayanand said this order is not new. The government had issued such an order two years back and the department is compulsorily following the order without giving room for violations. The circular comes amidst rising concerns over the rampant use of mobile phones by teachers and students.

This order has been updated to hold headmasters and headmistresses of government schools responsible for ensuring that teachers and students do not use phones during school hours.

The circular was issued to create an ideal environment in schools and colleges. Students can also raise a complaint to the department officials when they see a teacher using their mobiles in the classroom. They can also report to their respective head master or headmistress when they observe someone breaching the rule.

Defying disability, special children showcase their talents

Mysuru, Nov.27 (RKB&US)- Marking World Disabled Day, the District Administration, Department of Women and Child Welfare and the Department of Empowerment of Disabled and Senior Citizens had organised a District-level Cultural Competition for disabled children at Government School for the Deaf and Blind in Tilaknagar here recently.

The special children showcased their talent and proved that they were in no way inferior to normal children.

About 700 special children classified under various categories of disability like autism, mental retardation, deaf, blind and other physical impairment showcased their talent through fancy dress, drawing, solo and group dance, mono acting, singing and others.

The special boys and girls enthusiastically participated in all the competitions exposing their hidden talents.

District Welfare Officer for Disabled Abhikumar conducted the competitions.

'Bharatiya Samskruthi Utsava' at Vijayapura in December

Mysuru, Nov.27 (PM&US)- Bharat Vikas Sangam, Sri Siddeshwara Samsthe, Vijayapura, along with Sri Basaveshwara Veerashaiva Vidyavardhaka Sangha of Bagalkot, have organised 'Bharatiya Samskruthi Utsava' from Dec.24 to 31 at the premises of Ramanagouda Bapugouda Patil (Yatnal) Goraksha Kendra in Kaggodu village of Vijayapura.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here on Thursday, Sri Siddeshwara Samsthe President and MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal said that President of India Ram Nath Kovind or Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu would inaugurate the function on Dec.24.

Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty will participate in the 'Mathru Sangama' programme on Dec.25. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Swamijis of Mutts will participate in the valedictory programme.

Lectures and seminars on knowledge, agriculture, youth, health, religion and culture will also be held during the event. Achievers would be felicitated and cultural programmes will be held. About 30 lakh people are expected to participate in the eight-day event, he said.

BSP programme turns out into condolence meeting

Mysuru, Nov.27 (RKB&DM)- The Constitution Day, Kanaka Jayanti and Arthik Sahayog Divas celebrations organised by the city unit of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) at Ambedkar Park in Ashokapuram yesterday, turned out into a condolence meeting, with party workers paying tributes to Actor Ambarish, former Union Minister and veteran Congress leader C.K. Jaffer Sharief and 30 passengers who were killed in a bus accident at Kanaganamaradi.

The party workers numbering about 50, who had gathered, offered tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue at the park.

Later, the party workers paid floral tributes to late actor Ambarish and former Union Minister C.K. Jaffer Sharief.

The BSP workers also observed a one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed Ambarish, C.K. Jaffer Sharief and the 30 bus passengers who lost their lives in Kanaganamaradi bus mishap on Saturday.

BSP Corporator Begum alias Pallavi, BSP office-bearers Nagendra Arakalawadi, K.N. Prabhuswamy, Sosale Siddaraju, Dr. Basavaraj, Santhemarahalli Madappa and others took part.

Alleged misuse of women federation money

Women Self-Help Groups' representatives stage protest

Periyapatna, Nov. 27 - Alleging that Periyapatna Circle Inspector was not taking serious action against Dhan Foundation for misusing women federation's money, hundreds of representatives of various Women Self-Help Groups, staged a protest in front of the office of the Circle Inspector in Periyapatna.

The Women Self-Help Groups representatives and members, alleging that Dhan Foundation had misused the money and staged a protest in front of Dhan Foundation office last month during which a meeting chaired by Circle Inspector Pradeep was held. Following the assurance from the Circle Inspector, the protest was taken back.

The protestors said that the Circle Inspector, was calling the representatives for meeting since many days, but he used to remain absent. They alleged that the Circle Inspector had called them for a meeting yesterday, but again remained absent, thus showing his negligent attitude towards the issue.

Meanwhile, MYMUL Director Prasanna, who rushed to the spot, held discussions with Sub-Inspector Ganesh and the protestors urged the SI to initiate legal action against Dhan Foundation and close the Foundation office till the audit report arrives.

Representatives of Women Self-Help Groups Shobha, Latha, Sheela, Khathija, Pallavi, Jayamma, Shyamala, Sugherabanu, Sarojamma, Hema, Shivamma, Lakshmi, Sumithra, Girija, Parvathi, Noorjaan, Saritha, Lalitha and others were present.

City street vendors appeal for extension of micro-loan scheme

Mysuru, Nov.27-City's Sri. Chamundeshwari Shramjeevi Rastebadi Vyaparigala Rakshana Samiti has appealed Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy to extend '*Badavara Bandhu*' micro-loan scheme to street vendors, to the city as well and come to the rescue of the city street vendors by assuring them of social security.

In a press release, Samiti President Doddamane Manjunath said that street vendors are poor people who avail loans from private money lenders for their day-to-day business at exorbitant interest. Sometimes, most of the vendors, a majority of them from rural areas, return home badly affecting their livelihood.

Besides, street vendors are also subjected to harassment by the Police and local authorities. As such, the Government should look into the matter and take measures to provide designated spaces for street vendors, advance interest free micro-loans to them for carrying out day-to-day business and to ensure a sustained livelihood free of hassles, for them, the release said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Susurrous

Pronunciation: Soo-SUR-us.
Meaning: Full of whispering sounds.

Origin: Susurrous derives from the Latin noun susurrus, meaning "a hum" or "a whisper," and may be a distant relative of swarm (think of the collective hum of a beehive). Susurrus is itself an English noun with the meaning "a whispering or rustling sound" (Stephen King provides us with the example of a violent susurrus of air). Both the noun and the adjective (note that the two are spelled differently) are products of the 19th century, but they were preceded by the noun susurration, which in the 15th century originally meant "malicious whispering or rumor." Today susurrous is used to describe any kind of sound that resembles a whisper: a light breeze through a tree, perhaps, or the murmurs of intrigued theatre goers.
Example: A slow sad susurrous rustle like the wind fingering the pines.

THE ODD WORD

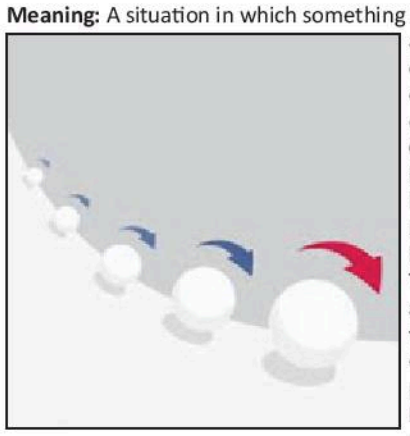
Shallop

A light sailing boat used mainly for coastal fishing or as a tender.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A snowball effect

Meaning: A situation in which something increases in size and importance at a faster and faster rate. This often refers to the quick growth of fame, fortune, importance or danger.



Origin: If one rolls a small snowball down the side of a snowy hill, as it descends, it will collect more snow and therefore quickly grow in both size and speed. Therefore, when we describe a situation in which popularity, fame, publicity, etc., grows quickly, we say that this has happened due to a snowball effect.
Example: The city hopes that these improvements will have a snowball effect and encourage private investment in the community.

QUOTE BOX

The distance between insanity and genius is measured only by success.

—Bruce Feirstein

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

TRY STAND
2

Answer: Try to Understand.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	6	8	7	5	9	4	3	2
7	4	3	8	1	2	6	5	9
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9	7	2	1	6	4	5	8	3
3	5	4	6	2	1	8	9	7
2	9	7	5	8	3	1	4	6
6	8	1	4	9	7	3	2	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Bits Per Second, abbr.
4 Amb. attendant
7 Jason's vessel
11 America
12 By way of
13 Part to play
14 Indefatigable
17 Offscourings
18 Leave no stone unturned? (2,4,4)
20 Article or object
22 Check or constrain
23 Activity on Node, abbr.
24 Extensive grassy plain of S. America
27 They are not the ones to give up!
31 "I lease" out for a girl or a goddess?
33 Inland river of northern NSW
34 Ugly old woman; witch
35 Prefix meaning "besides" or "beyond"
37 ___ donna : Diva
39 First in order of time, original
42 Unsmiling; sullen
43 Food, _____ and shelter : the three basic necessities?
46 Tell me something ___ : I don't believe your story, in a way?
47 Centre for Energy Studies, acronym
48 Discern or observe
49 Moose like animals of North America
50 Sugar suffix?
51 Decimal multiple?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

T	A	M	■	■	G	Y	P	■	G	A	B	■
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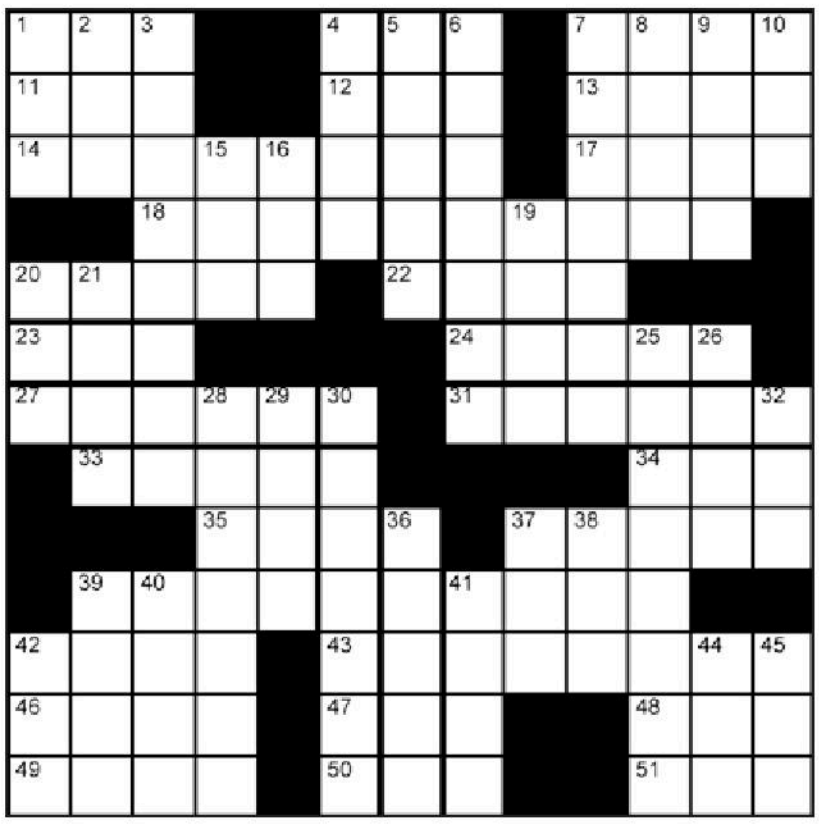
C	A	F	E	■	T	I	N	■	A	L	I	A
■	T	T	S	■	A	P	L	■	■	F	I	X

DOWN
1 Nevertheless, it is said to raise an objection
2 Pounds per sq in.
3 Italian island
4 Flat and level
5 Mean person
6 Decorations
7 2014-15 FA Cup Champions
8 Hard-sounding birds!
9 Surfeit or excess
10 Original Equip. Manufacturer
15 A long time
16 Limb of a felled tree
19 Liver secretion or ill-temper?
20 Make lace
21 Brass woodwind musical instrument
25 One who rejects all religious and moral teaching
26 Important festival in Kerala
28 Kingdoms or realms
29 ___ about : wander aimlessly about?
30 Hot dry wind - "coir cos" anagram?
32 Turk VIP
36 City in Europe - "Earls" anagram?
37 Cavity or hole
38 Interjection used to cheer the team?
39 Ballot or election
40 Hard biscuit
41 An amount of medicine
42 Scottish river
44 Born?
45 Information, colloquially speaking



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

AP JWH NDMO OW OICC TIWTCI OEI OVHOE, KDSI

OEIK CDHYE, WOEIVNAGI OEIJ'CC SACC JWH

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
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Taarakaasura	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Victory 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Thayige Thakka Maga	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
The Villian	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Kismath	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
Ondu Sanna Break Na Nantara	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
Raahee	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Friendly Baby	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Neevu Kare Maadida Chandadaararu	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Darshanam	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
HINDI			
Bhaiaji Superhit	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Dhoka Aur Murder	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Sharabha	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Saamy 2	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
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Varnamaya (K)	(S-1)	11.05 am
Ralph Breaks The Internet (3D-E)	(S-1)	2.05 pm, 4.45 pm 7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Raahee (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Karshanam (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Taxiwaala (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 7.05 pm
Fantastic Beasts (E)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Joseph (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Badhaai Ho (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Pattinapakkam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sarkari Hi. Pra. Shale (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
The Girl In The Spider's Web (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
24 Kisses (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Robin Hood (E)	(S-4)	11.15 am, 9.55 pm
Kismath (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Sarkar (Ta)	(S-4)	4.00 pm

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Ralph Breaks The Internet (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.45 pm, 12 pm, 2.30 pm 4.55 pm, 7.25 pm
Robin Hood (E)	(S-3)	10.50 am
	(S-2)	4.05 pm
	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Taxiwala (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 6.35 pm
Apple Cake (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
24 Kisses (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
The Girl In The Spider "S Web (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am
	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Varnamaya (K)	(S-4)	12.15 pm
Neevu Kare Madida Chandadararu (K)	(S-4)	2.55 pm
Kismath (K)	(S-4)	5.10 pm
Karshanam (K)	(S-4)	7.25 pm
Joseph (Feature Film) (Ma)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Fantastic Beasts (E)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Taarakaasura (E)	(S-3)	1.20 pm

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The Girl In The Spider's Web (E)	9 am, 5.10 pm, 10 pm
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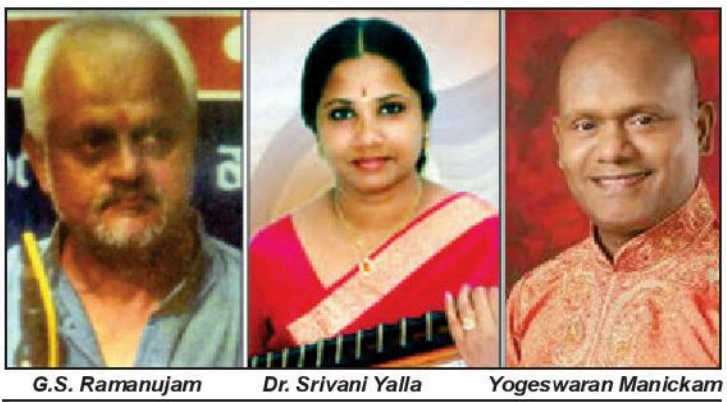
Victory 2 (K)	10.05 am
Taxiwaala (Te)	10.15 am, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Robin Hood (E)	11.35 am, 7.35 pm
Varnamaya (K)	1.15 pm
Neevu Kare Maadida Chandadaararu (K)	1.20 pm
24 Kisses (Te)	2.10 pm
Apple Cake (K)	3.35 pm
Ondu Sanna Break Na Nantara (K)	4.10 pm
Taarakaasura (K)	6.45 pm
Joseph (Ma)	9.50 pm
Fantastic Beasts (E)	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

'Gurunadaparva' Music Festival on Nov.28, 29



G.S. Ramanujam *Dr. Srivani Yalla* *Yogeswaran Manickam*

Mysuru, Nov.27- 'Gurunadaparva,' a Music Festival with two unique Karnatak Music Concerts, has been organised at Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavana (Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha) on JLB Road in city on Nov.28 and 29 at 6 pm.

On Nov.28, three stalwart musicians, G.S. Ramanujam (mridanga), Dr. Srivani Yalla (veena) and Yogeswaran Manickam (vocal), will be conferred with the prestigious 'Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Birth Centenary Commemorative Award.' Padma Shree Dr. R. Satyanarayana will be present.

Prior to the award presentation, Mysuru's young musician Vyshnavi Datta will give a concert. After receiving the award, Dr. Srivani Yalla of Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh, will give a veena concert. She will be accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata.

Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy will inaugurate and bestow the awards. B. Mohandesh Raj Urs will be the chief guest.

On Nov.29, Yogeswaran Manickam, the European star musician who promotes Karnatak Music there, will give a delectable music concert accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy on violin, Vid. Saishivu on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on ghata.

Vid. Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, musician scholar of Mysuru, has organised these events with co-sponsoring by Brahmavidya and Urs Community.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV.27)

Rotary International: Rotary International Director Bhaskar will be in city on an official visit, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **4.30 pm.**

Senior Citizens Forum: Monthly meeting, Nandi Circle premises, Kanakadasanagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Muneshwaraswamy Temple Jathra Mahotsava Samiti, Bannimantap HUDKO Layout: Sri Annapurneshwari Homa and Puja, Prasada Viniyoga, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV.28)

Santha Sri Kanakadasara Jayantyotsava Samiti: Sri Bhakta Kanakadasa's 531st Jayantyotsava celebrations, procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, **9 am;** Stage programme, Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji graces the occasion, JD(S) State President A.H. Vishwanath inaugurates, felicitation and Pratibha Puraskar presentation, Kanakadasa and Dasara Padagalu by Vid. Shashidhar Kote, Jaganmohan Palace, **4 pm.**

Vidya Vikas Educational Trust (VVET): Silver Jubilee celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurates, former Union Minister and MP Dr. M. Veerappa Moily inaugurates the auditorium, Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda presides, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MP Pratap Simha, MLA Tanveer Sait, MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda and Marithibbegowda chief guests, felicitation to PES Education Trust-Mandya President Dr. H.D. Chowdaiah and Academy of Liberal Education-Sullia President Dr. K.V. Chidananda, **10 am;** Valedictory, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji graces the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara delivers the valedictory address, MP R. Dhruvanarayan presides, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, MLCs Sandesh Nagaraj and R. Dharmasena chief guests, former MLA and Chairman of VVET Vasu and Secretary V. Kaveesh Gowda will be present, Sports Grounds, Bannur Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Muneshwaraswamy Temple Jathra Mahotsava Samiti, Bannimantap HUDKO Layout: Swami Madhure Veera Devara Puje, Prasadam Viniyoga, **10 am.**

Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC): Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment Santosh Kumar Gangwar inaugurates the renovated 100-bed ESIC Hospital, KRS Road, District Minister G.T. Devegowda, State Labour Welfare Minister Venkataramanappa, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra will be present, **10.30 am.**

Kannada Pusthaka Pradhikara, Bengaluru and Kannada Vikasa Vidya Samsthe: 'Achumechina Pusthaka' programme, theatre artiste and former Nataka Academy Member B.M. Ramchandra chief guest, NIE College retd. Professor Dr. Chandrashekar presides, P. Mallesh and S.R. Sudarshan will be present, Kannada Vikasa Vidya Samsthe, Nrupatunga Kannada School, Ramakrishnanagar, **10.30 am.**

Farooquia PU College, Tilak Nagar: Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Dr. Haricharan Tilak chief guest, Sayed Isac guest, College's Sir Syed auditorium, **10.30 am.**

Akashavani Samskrutika Sangha: Kannada Utsava, flag hoisting, **11 am;** Programme on organic farming, **4 pm;** Performances by Folk Troupes, Mysuru Akashavani, Yadavagiri, **5.30 pm.**

Post-Graduate Department of Commerce, Teresian College: Two-day International Conference on Dynamics of Entrepreneurship, Valedictory address by Dr. B.H. Suresh, Professor, University of Mysore, Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, College premises, Siddarthanagar, **4 pm.**

Hebbalu Kaigarika Souhardha Sahakari Niyamitha: Lakshmi Puja, **5.15 pm;** Inauguration of Hebbalu Kaigarika Souhardha Sahakari Niyamitha by Distinct Co-op. Union President H.V. Rajeev, FKCCI Bengaluru President Sudhakar S. Shetty presides, KASSIA Bengaluru President Basavaraj S. Javali chief guest, HIEMA Convention Centre, Hebbal Industrial Estate, **6 pm.**

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Mysore Sangeetha Pratishtana: Vaggeyakara Prof. V. Ramaratnam's 12th Memorial Programme, Vid. N. Srinath presents Classical vocal concert, accompanied by Vid. Krithik Koushik on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Sri Ramayana Darshanam,' Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

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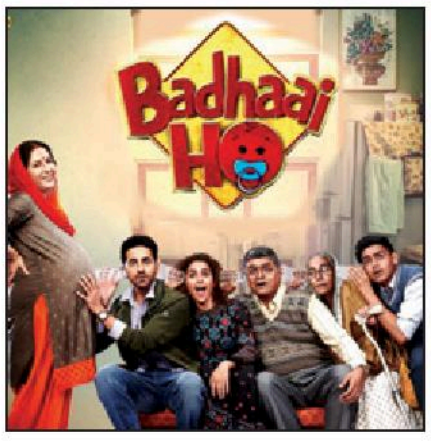

Badhaai Ho is a Hindi comedy drama directed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma. The film stars Ayushmann Khurrana, Neena Gupta, Gajraj Rao and Sanya Malhotra in lead roles. The story is about how two elder sons get embarrassed and start to avoid their parents, when they announce their late third pregnancy to the family.

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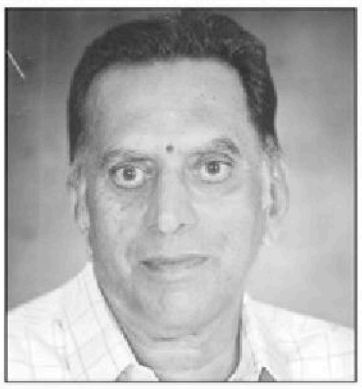

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